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Preliminary Round 1988

KELLS v LEEDS

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1988 Silk Cut Challenge Cup

The winners of the 1988 Silk Cut Challenge Cup will receive a record prize cheque for £18,000, a 12½ per cent increase.

Total prize money of £98,000 will be at stake from the 1988 Silk Cut sponsorship of £160,000, the remaining £62,000 being invested in the League's Capital Development Fund for ground improvements.

THE 1988 PRIZE STRUCTURE IS:

Preliminary Round ...	12×£ 1,200	(as 1987)	£14,400	
First Round	16×£ 1,200	(as 1987)	£19,200	
Second Round	8×£ 1,800	(up £ 150)	£14,400	
Third Round	4×£ 3,000	(up £ 500)	£12,000	
Semi-Final	2× £5,000	(up £1,000)	£10,000	
Losing Finalist	1×£10,000	(up £1,000)	£10,000	
Winner	1×£18,000	(up £2,000)	£18,000	
	PRIZE MONEY		£98,000	(up £6,200)
	CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND		£62,000	(up £3,800)
	TOTAL		£160,000	

The draw for the Preliminary and First Rounds of the 13-a-side code's most prestigious tournament will be staged at Leeds RLFC at 10.30 am on Monday 21 December, the live draw being broadcast on BBC Local Radio northern stations.

The draw ceremonies for the Second Round, Third Round and Semi-Finals will be staged on BBC TV 'Look North' from Leeds and Manchester on the Monday evening following the previous round, between 6.35 pm and 7.00 pm.

As last season, a Wembley era record of 38 teams will enter the 1988 tournament, the 34 professional clubs being joined by four amateur entrants — 1986-87 Slalom Lager National League Champions, Heworth of York, and this season's winners of the Cumbria, Lancashire and Yorkshire Cups due to be decided in December.

The 1988 Silk Cut Challenge Cup opens with the six-tie Preliminary Round on Sunday 17 January, the Final being staged at Wembley on Saturday 30 April.

The 1988 Silk Cut Challenge Cup timetable is:

Preliminary Round	17 January	Third Round	27/28 February
First Round	30/31 January	First Semi-Final	12 March
Second Round	13/14 February	Second Semi-Final	26 March

Final at Wembley ..... 30 April

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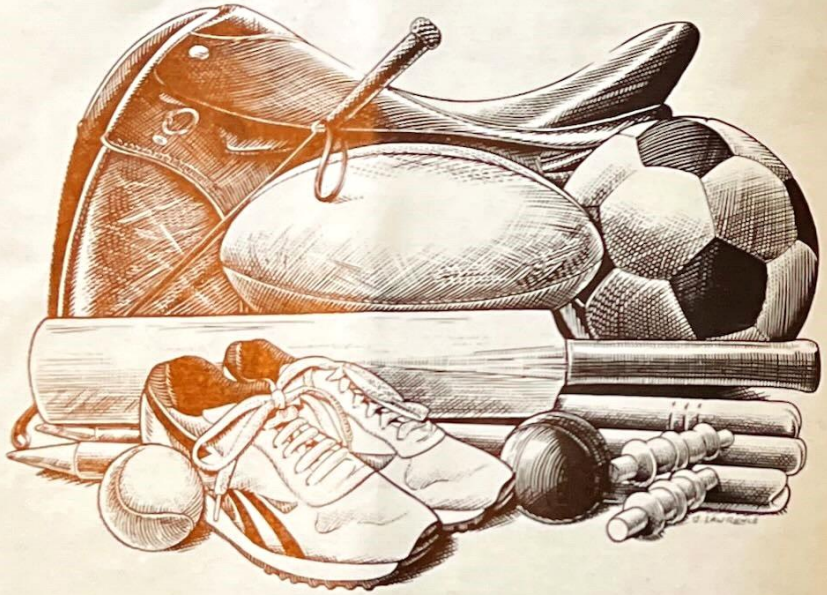

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We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming to the Recreation Ground the Director's, Players and Supporters of Leeds RL Club for the Preliminary Round game in the Silk Cut RL Challenge Cup.

Also we would like to thank the Whitehaven Directors for the use of the Ground and its facilities, all the people who have advertised in our programme and you the people who have come to watch the game, the true Rugby League Supporters.

Thank you all. — **Chairman: ALAN O'FEE**

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Kells Amateur Rugby League Football Club

BACK ROW: R. McFarlane, T. Holliday, R. Lofthouse, I. Gainford, J. Vickers, D. Martin, B. Sparks, G. Burns, P. Kenmare, A. O'Fee and A. Underwood. MIDDLE ROW: E. Doran. I. Clarke, S. Chambers. R. Milburn, I. Clarke and P. Starkey. FRONT ROW: V. McCourt, C. Rudd, P. Smith, S. Seeds, P. Messenger, M. Smith, W. Stables and B. Smith.

Kells Pen Pictures 1987-88

Steven Chambers: Front Row Forward. Ht. 6ft. Wt. 16 st. Age 26.
Having his second spell with Kells. This lad is probably the best ball handling front rower playing in the league at the moment. Current member of the Copeland Squad. A very strong runner and tireless tackler.

Alan Davidson: Hooker. Ht. 5ft 7in. Wt. 11st 9lb. Age 23.
Regular first choice hooker who is very mobile in the loose and able to play at loose forward and is a current member of the Copeland squad.

Garry Burns: Front Row Forward. Ht. 6ft 3in. Wt. 15st 6lb. Age 27.
A welcome return to the first team for Garry, probably playing as well as ever. A very strong runner and tackler he has gained every honour in the amateur code. Currently in the Copeland squad.

Eddie Doran: Ht. 6ft. Wt. 14st. Age 32.
Eddie is a forward who can play in any of the front row or second row positions. A good strong hard player who unfortunately through injuries has not had the honours he deserves.

Brian Sparks: Ht. 6ft 1in. Wt. 15st 7lb. Age 32.
Brian is a forward who can play anywhere in the pack. His first season with Kells, another strong hard runner and fearless tackler who is proving to be a very useful member of the Kells RL squad. A current member of the Copeland squad.

Ian Clarke: Ht. 6ft 5in. Wt. 14st. Age 30.
Ian is a second row forward with tremendous attacking ability and shows a remarkable turn of speed.

Paul Messenger: Ht. 6ft 1in. Wt. 13st 7lb. Age 28.
A loose forward or second row. Paul has achieved all the honours in the amateur game. He is a very strong runner and has the ability to score from anywhere on the field given a chance. A current member of the Copeland squad.

Ian Gainford: Ht. 5ft 10in. Wt. 12½st. Age 22.
Loose forward or second row, Ian is in his eleventh season with Kells and players of his ability and clubmanship are what good Rugby teams are made of. Making a welcome return to the squad after injury he is a good reader of the game and a good hard tackler. A former BARLA U-19 International.

Steven Moore: Ht. 5ft 8in. Wt. 13½st. Age 19.
Front row forward Steven is a young player who is developing into a very useful front rower, a fearless driver of the ball and very rarely misses a tackle.

Gary Chambers: Ht. 6ft. Wt. 13st 4lb. Age 18.
Second row forward. Gary, cousin of Steven, is the baby of the forwards' squad. Probably one of the best young forwards playing at the moment who is attracting the attention of some of the senior clubs. He is a tireless runner and a fearless tackler and a current member of the U-19 Copeland squad.

Peter Smith: Ht. 5ft 5in. Wt. 10½ st. Age 21.
Scrum half or stand off. Peter was an U-19 BARLA International who has developed into a very good player with the ability to make gaps in defences, being very quick off the mark. He is also a fearless tackler and a member of the current Copeland squad.

Peter Starkey: Height 5ft 6in. Wt. 11½st. Age 22.
Fullback. Safe at fullback and an accurate goalkicker. Has got a quick turn of speed which can turn defence into attack. Can also play either halfback role.

David Martin: Ht. 6ft. Wt. 10½st. Age 17.
Winger. David is a long striding winger, who given the opening can really motor. At 17 is quite young, but getting more experience and confidence with every match he plays in.

Chris Rudd: Ht. 5ft 11in. Wt. 10½st. Age 18.
A fast, elusive excellent player who has got that bit extra. Attracting the attention of several Pro. clubs.

Ian Clarke: Ht. 5ft. 9in. Wt. 11st. Age 24.
Centre. One of the quickest players around also a prolific tryscorer who once scored eight tries in a match. Played for the BARLA open age team in France last year.

Stephen Seeds: Wt. 11½st. Ht. 5ft 7in. Age 23.
Centre. Former North of England RU player who plays well above his weight and size. Nicknamed 'Case' for his tackling. Works for High Duty Alloys as a fitter.

Paul Stewart: Ht. 5ft. 9in. Wt. 11st. 4lb. Age 26.
Nicknamed 'Tenko', strong and elusive. A very good defence and attack player.

Michael Smith: Ht. 5ft 8in. Wt. 11½st. Age 23.
Full back/scrum half. A member of the 'Young Lions' Tour of New Zealand in 1983. A steady reliable player with a safe pair of hands. Employed as a joiner.

Ronnie Kilpatrick: Ht. 5ft 8in. Wt. 11½st. Age 26.
Scrum half. Captain of the side and a very strong tackler. Very sharp round the scrum. Has been 'player of the year' a couple of times at Kells which shows how consistent he is. Process worker at Marchon.

Paul Kenmare: Ht. 5ft 10in. Wt. 13st. Age 24.
Utility forward. Paul is a good, solid all round player. He has played in all the forwards positions, and also at fullback. The type of player who always gives 100% on the field. Works for Balfour Beatty as a labourer.

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Rugby League at Kells – a Religion

I have been associated with Kells ARLFC for 26 years and I am very, very proud to say so. The Club was formed in 1931 and in only three seasons had a man playing for Great Britain. By 1936, Joe Lancaster, Tom Black and Tom Stewart had played for Great Britain, with Victor Young picked as captain, the last two carrying on to play for Kells against Warrington in the Rugby League Cup in 1946.

That Victor Young was a great player, and it was no surprise to anyone at Kells that his brother Harold toured Australia with the 1928 Tourists, alas though he learned his Rugby on Kells, he never played for them, that honour goes to our neighbours across the valley, Hensingham ARLFC.

On into the fifties, Jim and Madge Kitchen doubled as manager, coach, secretary, bagman and laundrette and deserved every accolade for the honours gained while they were with us.

In the late fifties and early sixties when coaching became more fashionable, we were kept on the honours trail by ex-players Jeff Bawden, Bill Garratt, Phil Kitchin and they set a standard which justifiably allows them to say they had a hand in success at Kells today. Lessons learned from them were carried on by old stalwarts Dennis Hugo, Alan O'Fee and Bob McFarlane. Present coach Barry Smith also an ex-player deserves maximum credit for our being here today, known as 'Hitler' Barry lets no one off the hook, and insists on 100% effort and dedication, his own effort and dedication has got us into the Silk Cut Rugby League Challenge Cup competition now for the third successive time. His right hand man is Tony Holliday, 'brother of Bill', who took over when Harold Rudd resigned after seven glorious years of effort and success with the club. Ex-players all. They have got what I reckon to be the best Kells team I have seen. The training system devised by the club and coaches would be a credit to any professional Rugby League or Soccer club, hard work, dedication, physical fitness and players awareness of each others play are essential to be in a Kells team today.

Backed up by a good committee, mostly all ex-players with the club. I can't wonder at the success the club has achieved. I have great pleasure recalling Kells playing Warrington, Hunslet and Fulham twice in the RL Challenge Cup and todays David and Goliath struggle against Leeds will be also a real test for the Yorkshire men.

Recently I saw my 93rd Final with Kells involved and I know when they run out tonight they will be superbly fit and psyched up in the knowledge that you 'The Supporters' will be 100% behind them. They'll give 100% effort and make Leeds play hard for anything they get. Thankyou Barry and Tony and Physio's Vic and Dobby.

Rugby League is more than just a game at Kells — it's a religion.

By Bill Neill

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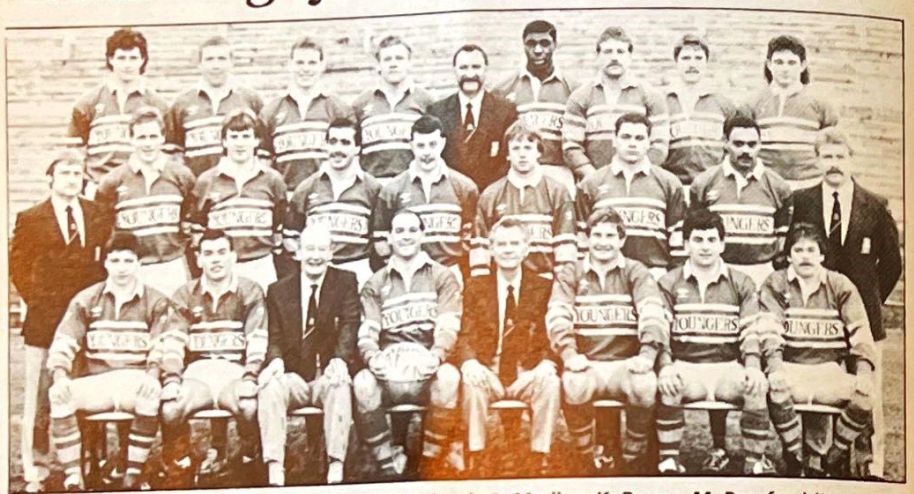

• *BACK ROW: (left to right), P. Jackson, J. Fairbank, P. Medley, K. Rayne, M. Bamford (Manager) R. Powell, A. Rathbone, D. Creasser, R. Pratt. MIDDLE ROW: R. Abbey (Coach), J. Basnett, M. Gurr, D. Meron, G. Schofield, J. Lyons, M. Brooke-Cowden, C. Gibson, N. Smith (Alliance Team Coach). FRONT ROW: M. Wilson, C. Maskill, B. T. Coulby (Football Division Chairman), P. Tunks, W. B. Carter (Football Secretary), L. Crooks, R. Ashton, S. Morris.*

The formation of a Rugby Club in Leeds dates back to 1864 in which year H.I. Jenkinson was responsible for the insertion of the following advertisement in 'The Leeds Mercury':

FOOTBALL — Wanted number of persons to form a football club for play on Woodhouse Moor for a few days a week from 7 to 8 am.

Five hundred members joined very quickly, and their practices in which from 60, in the morning, to 150 in the evening, took part were amongst the sights of Leeds. They eventually started their practices at 6.30 in the morning, and members who were late were fined sixpence. Broomsticks with cotton flags served for goal posts, and they experimented with all sizes of ball.

From this start came the Leeds Athletic Club which had a hand in the inauguration of the Yorkshire RU Challenge Cup, and which provided the city with its first international player, R. H. Fowler, who played in England's forwards in 1877.

The present Leeds Club traces its birth, however, to the foundation in 1870 of the St. John's Club, the old 'Amber and Blues', who played first on the cinders of the Militia Barracks, and afterwards on the famous Cardigan Fields ground.

St. John's, for a year or so, confined their membership to their church class, and then like Wakefield Trinity and similar clubs they widened their area and grew. By 1887 they had won their way to the Yorkshire Cup final with the following team: J. W. Hutton; R. Walters, W. Gray, J. H. Potter; R. Burrell, W. Place; J. Illingworth, E. G. Load, J. W. Moore, J. Milner, C. Macmillan, G. Naylor, J. A. Storer, B. West, J. Watmough. The Leeds forwards refused to give best to Trinity, but the side was beaten, and at the Cup presentation J. H. Potter, the popular three-quarter, was called upon for a speech. He said it was the first time St. John's had been in the Final but he hoped it would not be the last.

Of course he could not know then of the change that was to come, but in 1888 leading citizens and sportsmen of Leeds, with a plan for a premier club for the city agreed to purchase Lot 17a at the sale of the Cardigan Estates. They did and Lot 17a or part of it, is now the finest cricket and football enclosure in the country.

Leeds St. John's played their last season as St. John's in 1889-90 and their first as the Football Section of the Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Co. Ltd. the following season. In passing it is worthy of note that their first game as Leeds was played on St. John's old ground on the Cardigan Fields because the new home at Headingly was not ready for them. Otley were beaten, Bradford were beaten away, and then came the match with Manningham, the first football match at Headingley on September 20th, 1890. Playing in terra cotta and green jerseys they won through by one dropped goal and one try to nil.

Thus begins our Headingley Story thanks to those who had the vision to purchase Lot 17a, and served as Directors in the new Company: Lord Hawke (Chairman), Mr. C. F. Tetley (Vice-Chairman), Mr J. W. Bannister, Mr F. H. Barr, Mr George Bray, Mr W. L. Jackson, MP, Mr F. Lawson, Mr John Gordon, junior, Mr J. Tweedale, Mr W. B. Nicholson and Mr J. Watmough. Mr Charles S. Craven was secretary.

The history of the Football Section which is given in the ensuing chapters deals primarily with the playing records as it would be impossible to mention all those Directors, Committee members and officials who have guided the destiny of the Club over these past 65 years.

But no history of the Leeds Club would be complete without reference to the late Sir Edwin Airey who assumed the Chairmanship of the Company in 1923 and gave 32 years devoted service and inspiration to the Headingley Grounds and all the sporting activities associated therewith. An inscription in St. Paul's Cathedral referring to the great architect, Sir Christopher Wren, read: 'If you would see his memorial look around you'. The spacious, well-appointed Headingley Grounds are indeed a real and lasting memorial to but one aspect of Sir Edwin's great career. His was the determination, his the courage, and his the vision which inspired the tremendous development of Lot 17a. During his period of office Sir Edwin was greatly assisted by his dear friend and Vice-Chairman, Mr Edgar Alcock and the members of a progressive board, whilst Mr G. H. Ibbetson gave invaluable service for 25 years as Secretary-Manager.

And today the glorious traditions of Headingly are cherished just as zealously by the present Board of Directors, which aims continually to improve amenities and accommodation and to provide entertainment of the highest class for all true lovers of sport.

Leeds Pen Pictures 1987-88

Marty Gurr: An Australian full-back from the Manly-Warrangah club. Gurr is acknowledged as one of the most accomplished full-backs in the Sydney competition and can also play centre or stand-off. Represented New South Wales in state of origin.

Steve Morris: Nicknamed 'Slippery' for obvious reasons, this pacy, elusive winger hails from the Eastern Suburbs club in Sydney. A real crowd pleaser.

Gary Schofield: Ex-Hull FC centre who recently joined the Lioners for a world record transfer fee of £178,250. A current GB international player renowned for his deadly finishing and has already scored tries for Leeds.

Peter Jackson: Another Australian import, Jackson is a strong running centre who came to prominence with the up and coming Canberry Raiders. A Queenslander who played in last seasons state of origin series.

Carl Gibson: A pacy centre who came to Headingley from Batley for a then record fee of £50,000 in January 1986. Gained both Yorkshire and full GB honours.

John Basnett: A long striding winger who came to prominence with Widnes, after playing with New Brighton RUFC. Quickly settled into the professional game and toured Australia in 1984. Moved to Leeds in the summer for a £50,000 fee.

John Lyons: A product of Batley Victoria ARLFC who came to Headingley with Gary Spencer from Wakefield. A fine attacking half back who was Trinity's top points scorer and Player of the Year last season.

Dave Creasser: Product of Hunslet Parkside U-18's. Since signing professional, he has played for GB U-21's and has developed into a class centre or stand-off who can also kick goals.

Peter Tunks: One of the most respected forwards in the Sydney competition, Tunks is a mobile, hard working prop. Plays for Canterbury-Bankstown in the Sydney League, and has played many times for New South Wales and Australia. Current Leeds skipper.

Colin Maskill: A former Wakefield Trinity hooker, now in his third season at Headlingley. A ball winner and a livewire in the loose.

Paul Medley: Joined Leeds in 1984 and is developing into one of the games most fast running back row forwards. Still only 20, has already gained a full GB cap to go with U-21 and Colts honours.

Roy Powell: A product of Dewsbury Amateur Football who played for GB U-21's in February last year. A powerful second-rower noted for his defensive work.

Mark Brooke-Cowden: Former All-Black, who joined Leeds this summer after playing for New Zealand in the World Cup. Still learning the 13-a-side game but a forward with lots of potential.

David Heron: 27 year old loose-forward in his benefit season. A former Hunslet junior, has been a fixture in the Leeds pack over the season. A running forward who has gained GB honours at all levels.

Richard Pratt: Former BARLA U-18 international. Resides in Batley. 20 years old. Strong running wingman who promises much for the future.

Ray Ashton: 24 years old. An '84 International Tourist to Australia and New Zealand. Lancs County Half Back. Was Maurice Bamfords first signing on his return to Leeds from Oldham. Good football 'brain'.

Kevin Rayne: Great Britain second Rower. Former club Wakefield Trinity. One of the famous Rayne twins, brother Keith having recently returned to Trinity in our Spencer/Lyons deal. Kevin has a devastating burst of speed and is a most experienced forward.

Richard Gunn: 20 years old expensive junior signing as a loose forward. Good young prospect who can also double up as Hooker. Yorkshire Colts and GB Colts player.

Bass Cumbria County Cup

Second Round Saturday, 10 October 1987 — KELLS 50 v 0 GLASSON RANGERS

Ian Clarke (forward) 2 trys, Paul Stewart 1 try, Ian Clarke (centre) 1 try, Chris Rudd 1 try, Michael Smith 1 try, Stephen Chambers 1 try, Alan Davidson 1 try, Paul Messenger 1 try, Stephen Seeds 1 try and Peter Starkey 5 goals.

Quarter final Saturday, 7 October 1987 — KELLS 62 v 4 HOLKER PIONEERS

Peter Smith 2 trys, Stephen Chambers 2 trys, Paul Messenger 2 trys, Ian Clarke (centre) 1 try, Chris Rudd 1 try, Michael Smith 1 try, Garry Burns 1 try, Brian Sparks 1 try and Peter Starkey 9 goals.

Semi final Saturday, 14 November 1987 — KELLS 32 v 8 MILLOM

David Martin 2 trys, Ian Clarke (centre) 1 try, Stephen Seeds 1 try, Brian Sparks 1 try and Peter Starkey 1 try and 4 goals.

Final Sunday, 6 December 1987 — KELLS 36 v 7 WATH BROW

Michael Smith 2 trys, Ian Clarke (centre) 1 try, Chris Rudd 1 try, Raymond Milburn 1 try, Alan Davidson 1 try and Peter Starkey 6 goals.

MATTHEW BROWN CUMBRIA RL TABLES — 1 Jan. 1988

Division One	Play	Won	Draw	Lost	Points
Kells	12	12	0	0	24
Elbra	11	7	0	2	18
Lowca	11	8	0	3	16
Hensingham	13	7	0	6	14
B.R.R.	11	6	0	4	12
Mirehouse	13	5	0	5	12
Clifton	12	5	0	7	10
Seaton	11	5	0	6	10
Wath Brow	8	2	0	5	6
Glasson	14	2	0	11	4
Kells A	12	1	0	11	2

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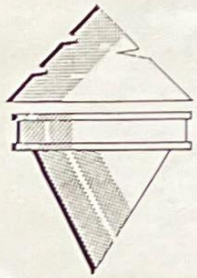

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All now part of the Cumbria Amateur Rugby League scene, have a proud record of entering the Rugby League Challenge Cup particularly in the post 1939-45 war era.

In the early days of this period the first round games were on a two leg basis, which was of great advantage to the professional clubs, on occasions saving them from some embarrassment but the amateurs gained financially.

Kells have played a prominent role during this period, they started the post war trail in season 1945-46 playing the mighty Warrington and proved they could hold their own with the best, holding the Wires to three points at the Whitehaven Recreation Ground. Incidentally Yorkshire Amateur Club Sharlston Rovers defeated Workington Town 12-7 in the first leg on that same day.

FOR THE RECORD HERE ARE SOME DETAILS:

1945-46	1st leg: Kells 0 v Warrington 3. 2nd leg: Warrington 27 v Kells 0.
1946-47	Warrington 46 v Brooklands Rovers 3.
1947-48	Keighley 11 v Risehow 0. Risehow 10 v Keighley 2.
1948-49	Oldham 30 v Broughton Moor 0. Broughton Moor 2 v Oldham 35.
1949-50	Broughton Moor 5 v Wakefield 28. Wakefield 73 v Broughton Moor 3.
1950-51	Batley 41 v Broughton Moor 3. Broughton Moor 0 v Batley 36.
1958-59	Hunslet 55 v Kells 9.
1959-60	Walney Central 10 v Lock Lane 5.
	Oldham 55 v Walney Central 4. Cumbrian born Ike Southward scored six tries for Oldham.
1962-63	Liverpool City 11 v Roose 0.
1972-73	Millom 5 v Hunslet 18.
1979-80	Hull 33 v Millom 10. Millom received a five minute standing ovation. Hull went on to play at Wembley.
1985-86	Hunslet 20 v Kells 8.
1986-87	Kells 4 v Fulham 4. Replay Fulham 22 v Kells 14.
1987-88	Kells v Leeds.

Leeds played Millom at home in the first round of the Northern Union Cup on February 21, 1920 winning 44pts to 5, but have had no other matches with Cumbria Amateur Sides.

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'Fairy Tale Cup Tie'

It gives me great pleasure to be invited to write a few lines for today's Silk Cut Challenge Cup Preliminary Round game between Kells and Leeds. It is indeed a 'fairy tale' cup tie which has generated enormous interest throughout the Rugby League game, and it thoroughly vindicates the decision of the Rugby League Council to re-admit amateurs into Rugby League's most prestigious competition which is so handsomely supported by Silk Cut.

Leeds have always been good friends of the Amateur game, and it is appropriate that their Chairman Bernard Coulby and his Directors have given the Kells Club every help and generous support to stage this outstanding cup tie between the current Rugby League's glamour side Leeds and the Amateur Cup Kings of Cumbria.

This is the third season running that Kells have qualified for the Challenge Cup, and their fifth in total, having previously played in the competition in 1946 against Warrington and in 1958 against Hunslet.

The Club was formed in 1931 and in recent years they have won the Cumbria County Cup six out of seven years — a truly incredible record which is an example for all to follow.

Above all the Club has strength in depth and allows three Open Age sides and five Youth and Junior teams, which is an indication of the strength of the Club.

In 1980 the Club opened its new Clubhouse which is now the centre of the village community, where friendship and comradeship abounds.

Yes the Club, under its Chairman Alan O'Fee and his hard working committee and top qualified coaches are setting an example for all to follow, and I am sure that tonight's game will be a credit to all concerned when the cream of Professional and Amateur Rugby come together in what promises to be a fine Rugby League occasion in the greatest of all Rugby Competitions, the Silk Cut Rugby League Challenge Cup.

MAURICE F. OLDROYD, BARLA National Administrator

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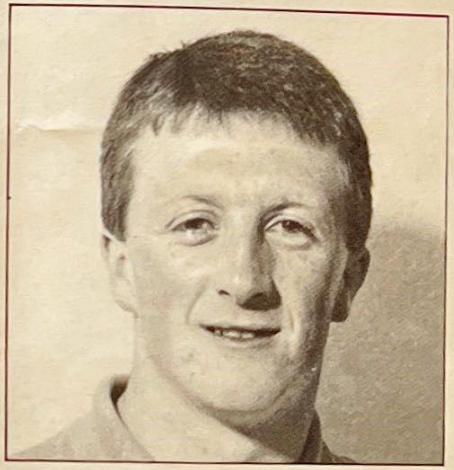
Silk Cut Men of the Match

Number one: Paul Messenger in our Cup Tie with Hunslet in 1985-86 season.

Number two: Eddie Doran in our Cup Tie with Fulham in the 4-4 draw in 1986-87 season.



Number three: Peter Smith in the replay with Fulham at Chiswick, in 1986-87 season.

International's all. But more than that, they are photographs of three amateurs who have all won the Silk Cut man of the match award, which is selected by the national press reporters.

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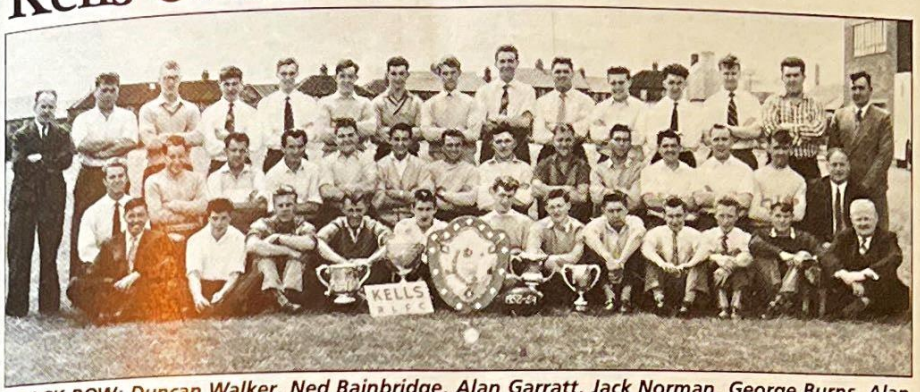

•BACK ROW: Duncan Walker, Ned Bainbridge, Alan Garratt, Jack Norman, George Burns, Alan O'Fee, Mike McFarlane, Ralph Watson, Brian Williamson, Ray Devlin, John Thomson, Vince Corkhill, Walter Bell, Joe Wilson, John Sim. MIDDLE: Alec Garrett, John Greenhough, Jack Brenan, Jim Bruce, Eddie Brenan, Phil Kitchin, Joe Wilson, Matt McLeod, Jimmy George, Ted Casson, Tom Crewdson, Billy Groggins, Jeff Bawden. FRONT: Jim Kitchen, W. Vaughan, Watson, Lightfoot, Les Herbert, Raymond Douglas, Albert King, Geoff Sewell, Paul Charlton, Roland Johnston, John Buchanan, Billy Proud.

Kells Under-19 1959-60

•BACK ROW: Jackie Brennan, Duncan Walker, Derek Rae, Ken Sloan, Bob Philips, Roland Johnstone, Jimmy Fitzsimmons, John Davidson, Ernest Martin, David McLeod, Paul Charlton, Michael McFarlane, John Thomson, Jim Kitchen, Watson Lightfoot, Paul Pederson, Billy Gainford, Ernie Rae, Billy Proud. FRONT ROW: Bill Pickering, Joe Scott, Geoff Sewell, John 'Spanky' McFarlane, Raymond Douglas, Albert Adams, Matt Black, Tom Wren. Front Arnold 'Boxer' Walker.

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RAYMOND DORAN
The clubs public relations officer, groundsman, linesman, travel agent, bagman, monthly and weekly draw organiser and in his spare time is the clubs Rugby League secretary.

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JOHN VICKERS
John is the clubs equipment manager and is known to his friends as Blue. He is the current Kells Clubman of the year but this honour is under review due to his unaccountable behaviour regarding a drop goal incident in the Cumbria Cup Final.

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